<u>LISTING OF THE CLAIMS</u>

A detailed listing of claims is presented below.
Please amend currently amended claims as indicated below
including substituting clean versions for pending claims
with the same number. In addition, clean text versions
of pending claims not being currently amended that are
under examination are also presented. It is understood
that any claim presented in a clean version below has not
been changed relative to the immediate prior version.

1.   (Currently Amended) A communication system
comprising:

a communication network; and

a plurality of electronic devices coupled to said
communication network, each of said plurality of
electronic devices including a selector for initiating a
user initiated communication interface that when enabled
presents network connectivity information specific to an
associated electronic device implementing said
communication interface, wherein said network
connectivity information is necessary for establishing
communication paths between said associated electronic
device and other electronic devices coupled to said
communication network, wherein said network connectivity
information provides information ~~specific~~ <u>pertaining and
unique</u> to said associated electronic device <u>and</u> is
~~generically~~ <u>universally</u> used to establish communication
between said associated electronic device and each of
said other electronic devices.

2.   (Original) The communication system as described in Claim 1, further comprising:

a central communication interface for monitoring initiations of said communication interfaces by said plurality of electronic devices, and for establishing a communication path automatically between a first and second electronic device of said plurality of electronic devices when their associated first and second communication interfaces, respectively, have been initiated under a condition.

3.   (Original) The communication system as described in Claim 2, wherein said condition is initiating said first and second communication interfaces within a period of time.

4.   (Original) The communication system as described in Claim 2, wherein said condition is initiating said first and second communication interfaces within a geographical location.

5.   (Original) The communication system as described in Claim 1, wherein one of said plurality of electronic devices is a mobile device.

6.   (Original) The communication system as described in Claim 1, wherein one of said plurality of electronic devices is a personal digital assistant (PDA).

7.   (Original) The communication system as described in Claim 1, wherein said selector is a button.

8.   (Original) The communication system as described in Claim 1, wherein said selector is a software enabled selector located on a display of associated electronic devices.

9.   (Original) The communication system as described in Claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of electronic devices comprise a graphical user interface for assisting users to establish said communication paths over said communication network.

10.   (Original) The communication system as described in Claim 1, wherein said communication network is a wide area network.

11.   (Currently Amended) A method of connection comprising:

providing a communication interface on an electronic device coupled to a communication network that when initiated by a user provides to said user pertinent network connectivity information ~~specific~~ pertaining and unique to said electronic device necessary for establishing communication paths with other devices coupled to said communication network, wherein said network connectivity information is ~~generically~~

<u>universally</u> used to establish communication between said

electronic device and any of said other devices coupled

to said communication network;

    prompting through said communication interface for

said user to provide through said communication interface

said network connectivity information to establish a

communication path through said communication network to

a second electronic device; and

    prompting through said communication interface for

said user to provide through said communication interface

network connectivity information specific to said second

electronic device to establish said communication path,

wherein said network connectivity information specific to

said second electronic device is generically used to

establish communication between said second electronic

device and any device coupled to said communication

network.

    12.   (Original) The method of connection as

described in Claim 11, further comprising:

    providing said communication interface universally

on a plurality of electronic devices coupled to said

communication network; and

    providing pertinent network connectivity information

for electronic devices upon initiating their respective

communication interfaces for establishing said

communication paths with other devices coupled to said

communication network.

13. (Original) The method of connection as described in Claim 12, further comprising:

automatically establishing a communication path between a first and second electronic device when their associated first and second communication interfaces, respectively, have been initiated under a condition.

14. (Original) The communication system as described in Claim 13, wherein said condition is initiating said first and second communication interfaces within a period of time.

15. (Original) The communication system as described in Claim 13, wherein said condition is initiating said first and second communication interfaces within a geographical location.

16. (Original) The method of connection as described in Claim 11, wherein said network connectivity information is a device identification (ID).

17. (Original) The method of connection as described in Claim 11,

assisting said user of said electronic device through a graphical user interface to establish a communication path between said electronic device and a second electronic device chosen by said user, said second electronic device located on said communication network.

18.   (Currently Amended)   The method of connection as described in Claim 17, further comprising:

providing a set of possible connections to other known devices located on said communication network for selection by said user.

19.   (Currently Amended)   A method of connection comprising:

a)   at a first electronic device, acknowledging the initiation of a communication interface by a user, said first electronic device coupled to a communication network;

b)   providing to said user network connectivity information for said first electronic device, said network connectivity information necessary for establishing communication paths to other electronic devices coupled to said communication network, wherein said network connectivity information provides information ~~specific~~ <u>pertaining and unique</u> to said first electronic device and is ~~generically~~ <u>universally</u> used to establish communication between said first electronic device and each of said other devices coupled to said communication network.

20.   (Original)   The method of connection as described in Claim 19, wherein b) further comprises:

providing said network connectivity information on a display of said electronic device.

21. (Original) The method of connection as described in Claim 19, wherein b) further comprises:

providing a hard copy of said information.

22. (Original) The method of connection as described in Claim 19, wherein a) further comprises:

acknowledging the engagement of a physical selector located on said first electronic device to initiate said communication interface.

23. (Original) The method of connection as described in Claim 22, wherein said physical selector is a button.

24. (Original) The method of connection as described in Claim 19, wherein a) further comprises:

acknowledging the engagement of a software enabled selector located on a display of said electronic device to initiate said communication interface.

25. (Original) The method of connection as described in Claim 19, further comprising:

c) assisting said user of said first electronic device through a graphical user interface to establish a communication path between said first electronic device and a second electronic device chosen by said user, said second electronic device located on said communication network.

26.   (Original) The method of connection as described in Claim 25, wherein c) further comprises:

providing a set of possible connections to other known devices located on said communication network for selection by said user.

27.   (Original) The method of connection as described in Claim 25, wherein c) further comprises:

prompting said user of said electronic device for other network connectivity information from said second electronic device obtained by initiating a second communication interface at said second electronic device.

28.   (Original) The method of connection as described in Claim 19, wherein said network connectivity information is an internet protocol (IP) address.

29.   (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:

a processor; and

a computer readable memory coupled to said processor and containing program instructions that, when executed, implement a method of connection comprising:

providing a communication interface on an electronic device coupled to a communication network that when initiated by a user provides to said user pertinent network connectivity information ~~specific~~ pertaining and unique to said electronic device necessary for establishing communication paths with other devices

coupled to said communication network, wherein said network connectivity information is ~~generically~~ <u>universally</u> used to establish communication between said electronic device and any of said other devices coupled to said communication network.

30.   (Original) The computer system as described in Claim 29, wherein said method further comprises:

providing said communication interface universally on a plurality of electronic devices coupled to said communication network; and

providing pertinent network connectivity information for electronic devices upon initiating their respective communication interfaces for establishing said communication paths with other devices coupled to said communication network.

31.   (Original) The computer system as described in Claim 30, wherein said method further comprises:

automatically establishing a communication path between a first and second electronic device when their associated first and second communication interfaces, respectively, have been initiated under a condition.

32.   (Original) The computer system as described in Claim 31, wherein said condition is initiating said first and second communication interfaces within a period of time.

33. (Original) The computer system as described in Claim 31, wherein said condition is initiating said first and second communication interfaces within a geographical location.

34. (Original) The computer system as described in Claim 29, wherein said network connectivity information is a device identification (ID).

35. (Original) The computer system as described in Claim 29, wherein said method further comprises:

assisting said user of said electronic device through a graphical user interface to establish a communication path between said electronic device and a second electronic device chosen by said user, said second electronic device located on said communication network.

36. (Original) The computer system as described in Claim 35, wherein c) of said method further comprises:

providing a set of possible connections to other known devices located on said communication network for selection by said user.